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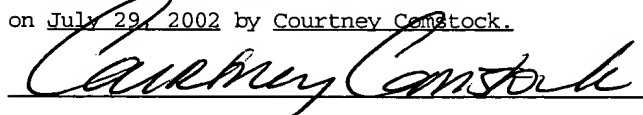
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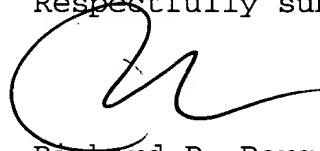
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	5,787,359	7/98	Nagata	455	517	
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	1 133 115 A2	9/01	EP			
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